



## THE COUNTY OF KAUAI

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### **11 P.M., JULY 26, UPDATE: Hurricane Warning remains in effect for Kaua'i; flood advisory issued for the island**

LĪHU'E – As Kaua'i County remains in a Hurricane Warning, officials are urging all residents and visitors to remain vigilant. Additionally, a flood advisory has been issued for the island through 1 a.m., July 27.

#### **WEATHER UPDATE**

Kaua'i County remains in a Hurricane Warning as of 11 p.m., Sunday, July 26. A Hurricane Warning means that hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours.

According to the National Weather Service, hurricane conditions are expected Sunday night. A Flash Flood Watch also remains in effect through Monday afternoon. A Flash Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that leads to flash flooding. A High Surf Warning for north- and east-facing shores remains in effect through Monday evening.

#### **SHELTERS**

The American Red Cross has opened shelters at the Kīlauea and Kalāheo neighborhood centers, Kapa'a Middle School, and Kaua'i Community College.



## **COUNTY OF KAUA'I OFFICES**

County of Kaua'i offices will be closed to the public on Monday, July 27. All essential employees will continue to follow their current protocols as they respond to storm-related matters for the health and safety of the community. All non-essential employees of the county are advised to shelter in place.

## **CLOSURE OF VOTER SERVICE CENTER**

Due to the closure of County offices on Monday, the Office of the County Clerk has announced that the Voter Service Center will be closed on Monday, July 27.

## **PARK CLOSURES**

All state and county beach parks and campsites are closed. Updates on reopening towers will be announced once conditions are assessed. The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) has closed all state forest lands until the threat has passed. Updates can be found on the DLNR Facebook page.

## **BUS SERVICES**

The Kaua'i Bus services have suspended on Sunday, July 26, and will remain closed through Monday, July 27.

Customers are advised to contact the Transportation Agency for questions or further assistance, at 246-8110.

## **SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

There will be no household refuse collection on Monday, July 27. Monday's refuse collection has been postponed to Friday, July 31.

Solid waste officials will assess refuse transfer station sites and landfill conditions at 7 a.m. on Monday. Any sites suitable for operations will be open shortly thereafter and announced on the County Facebook page. Additionally, the Kōloa HI-5 Redemption Center operated by Kaua'i Community Recycling Services (KCRS) will be closed on Monday.

### **KAUA'I ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE**

KIUC members should prepare for potential storm impacts and possible power outages. For tips, updates, and more information, visit <http://website.kiuc.coop/>. If you have an emergency or see any lines from utility poles on the ground, assume that they are dangerous, stay clear and call 911.

### **KAUA'I DEPARTMENT OF WATER**

DOW officials advise that during a weather emergency, strong winds and/or flooding can disrupt electrical power to DOW pumps and equipment, road-access to water sources, and may impact water quality. For more information on preparedness tips for a water emergency, please visit [www.kauaiwater.org](http://www.kauaiwater.org)

### **STAY TUNED**

Continue to stay tuned to local media broadcast channels for the most up-to-date information. The following provides a list of important resources on emergency preparedness.

- Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency – [www.kauai.gov/kema](http://www.kauai.gov/kema)
- NOAA Central Pacific Hurricane Center – [www.hurricanes.gov/cphc](http://www.hurricanes.gov/cphc)
- National Weather Service – [www.weather.gov/hfo](http://www.weather.gov/hfo), or automated weather line at 245-6001
- Blackboard Connect (The county's free emergency notification service) – Sign up at [www.kauai.gov/kema](http://www.kauai.gov/kema), or call KEMA at 241-1800.

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